**UNICEF Assistance to Wan Poor**

1851. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed any scheme to provide amenities to urban poor with UNICEF assistance;

(b) if so, the dctails thereof, Statewise;

(c) the details of benefits received by the State Governments from these schemes; and

(d) the progress made in physical achievements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) No such review has been undertaken by the Government. However, the UNICEF is supporting the Centrally sponsored Scheme of Urban Basic Services Tor the poor in 15 focus States and 9 non-focus states as. annexed, by financing some selected areas vital to the quality and sustainability of the scheme viz. training capacity building, management capacity building, information|com munication, urban poverty studies and policy research, non-government organisations and demonstration town concept for implementation in intensive programme districts.

(c) and (d) UNICEF assistance has contributed towards operationalisation of Field Training Institutes and State training institutes in focus States. Two National Institute of Urban Affairs, New Delhi and the. Regional Centre for Urban and Environmental Studies, Hyderabad have been strengthened to provide operational support to the States. Nearly 40,000 Community Volunteers have been identified to familiarise them with the Programme, its objectives and implementation responsibilities. A variety of communication materials have been produced in Hindi including a bi-monthly" newsletter.

**Statement**

LIST OF FOCUS STATES|NON FOCUS STATES

1. Andhra Pradesh
2. Assam
3. Bihar
4. Delhi
5. Gujarat
6. Haryana
7. Karnataka
8. Kerala
9. Madhya Pradesh
10. Maharashtra
11. Orissa
12. Rajasthan
13. Tamil Nadu
14. Uttar Pradesh
15. West Bengal

NON-FOCUS STATES

1. Punjab
2. Himachal Pradesh
3. Nagaland
4. Meghalaya
5. Tripura
6. Mizoram
7. Manipur
8. Sikkim
9. Arunachal Pradesh

**Targets set in National Capital Region Scheme**

1852. SHRI O. P. KOHLI:
PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have not taken any concrete steps in achieving the targets set in the National Capital Region scheme;

(b) whether any apprehension has been expressed on the achievement of